



### CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting.** The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) Advisory Council met September 16, 2015, in the Grimes Building on the State Capitol complex.

**Division Update.** Steve Michael, Director of the CJJP Division of the Department of Human Rights, reported on several items:

- Approval has been given to hire a statistical research analyst position that has been open since December 2014.
- Tammi Blackstone has been named the coordinator of the Criminal Justice Information System.
- The Division is awaiting word on federal grants applications, including one to develop quality data from Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) collected by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and another grant for reentry program implementation with juvenile offenders.
- The Iowa Girls Justice Initiative has been funded from a National Girls Institute grant to develop a plan for the girls previously sent to the Toledo Juvenile Home. That task force will meet for approximately one year and develop recommendations that will be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly.
- The FY 2017 budget request will be status quo with the exception of funds for salary increases.
- A Statewide Recidivism Reduction Initiative summit will be held on September 22 in the Capitol rotunda. On September 25, the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Initiative Task Force will meet.

**New Chairperson.** Tom Ferguson, current chair of the Advisory Council, has taken a new position with the Iowa Attorney General's Office to be the Prosecuting Attorneys' Training Coordinator, and will also serve as the Executive Director of the Iowa County Attorneys' Association. After discussion, Tom Walton was elected to serve as chair of the Advisory Council.

**Draft Reports Discussed.** Staff provided draft copies of reports to allow for Council input before final versions are issued at the October meeting. Those included:

- Legislation Monitoring is an annual report that tracks legislative changes that were enacted and data relating to those changes.
- The Five-Year Plan Update provides five-year goals and an annual update to the twenty-year plan which is mandated by the Iowa Code.

**Reporting.** Discussion was held regarding the relevance and impact of the reporting done by the CJJP. Suggestions offered were to link results to funds saved, sending a survey to the General Assembly to ask for feedback, and working with various advocacy groups to promote the report findings.

**Next Meeting.** The Advisory Council is scheduled to meet November 18, 2015, in Des Moines. Possible issues to consider will be public defender concerns and human sex trafficking.

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